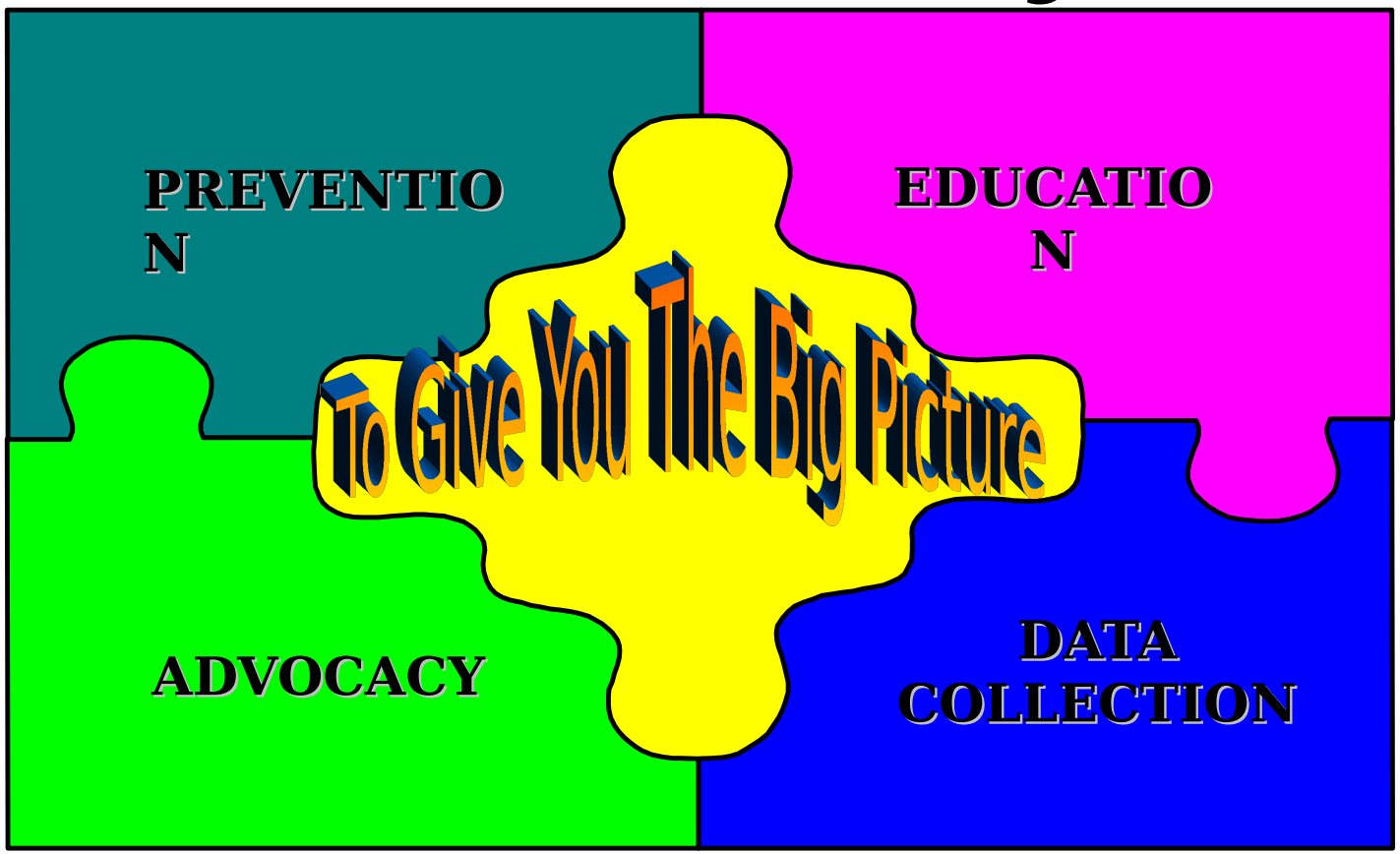
Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) Program

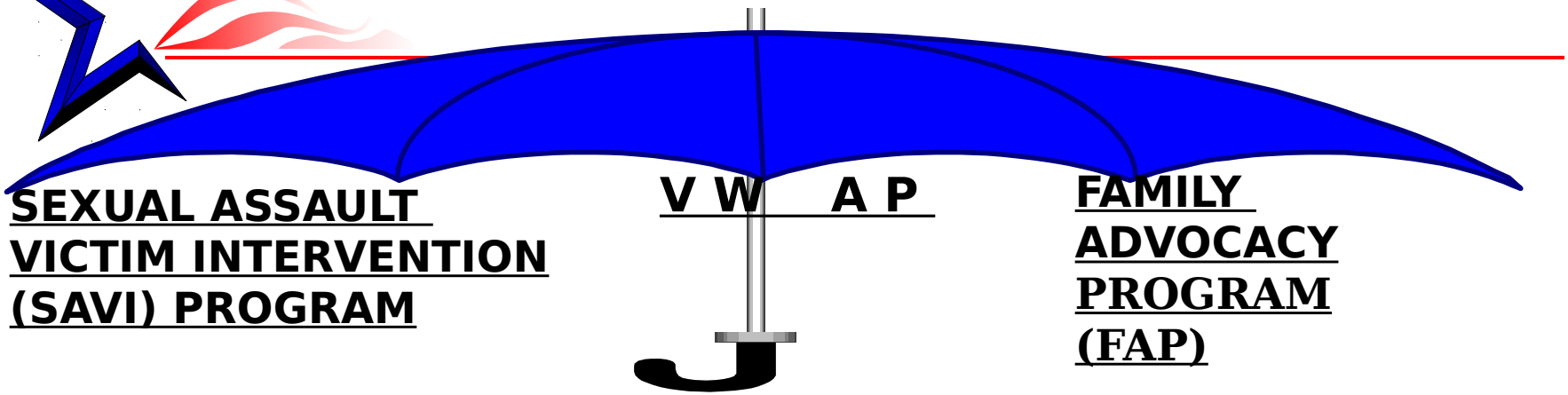
SAVI Puts The Pieces Together



What is SAVI?

- **The Dept of the US Navy SAVI Program is a comprehensive, standardized, victim-sensitive system to prevent and respond to sexual assault Navy-wide.**
- **SAVI Provides:**
  - **Awareness and prevention education**
  - **Victim advocacy and intervention/direct services**
  - **Data collection**
- **The US Navy is the only service with a defined Sexual Assault Program with dedicated staff and funding at both headquarters and installation level.**

VWAP
SERVICES FOR VICTIMS



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SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM INTERVENTION (SAVI) PROGRAM

- SAVI
- NWSG & Standing Committee recommendations
- Education/advocate services/data collection
- Local Program Coordinator
- HQ oversight
- Short term assistance
- Specialized subset of victims (sexual assault)

VWAP

- VWAP
- Victim Rights & Restitution Act of 1990
- Criminal justice/legal process information
- Area Coordinator
- HQ oversight
- Long range assistance
- All victims &

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM (FAP)

- FAP
- Congressional and DoD mandate
- Prevention/assessment treatment services
- FAR
- HQ oversight
- Short /long term assist
- Specialized subset of victims (domestic violence & child abuse

BACKGROUND

- **OPNAVINST 1752.1 1985**
- **Navy Women's Study Group 1990**
- **Tailhook 1991**
- **Standing Committee on Military:**
  Women in the DON 1992
- **"Tracking Tiger Team" 1992**
- **Headquarters staffing SAVI Program 1992**
- **Authorization of fleet positions 1994**
- **SECNAVINST 1752.4 1996**
- **OPNAVINST 1752.1A 1998**

NAVY POLICY

- **Zero tolerance for sexual assault**
- **Sexual assault is a criminal act**
- **Victims have access to appropriate assistance**
- **Perpetrators of sexual assault may be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law**
- **Commanding Officers of perpetrators shall take appropriate disciplinary and/or administrative action**
- **Immediate, 24 hr response to reports of sexual assault and services/resources available to victims**

SAVI HQ STAFF

- **Civilian SAVI Program Manager**
- **26 funded fleet positions at 25 FFSCs Navy-wide**
  - **Installation command/Region determines whether position will be full or part time.**
- **All other Navy installations have collateral duty Program Coordinators**
- **SAVI collateral duty POCs designated for <u>every</u> Navy command**

AT THE INSTALLATION

SAVI Program Coordinator

(designated by base CO)

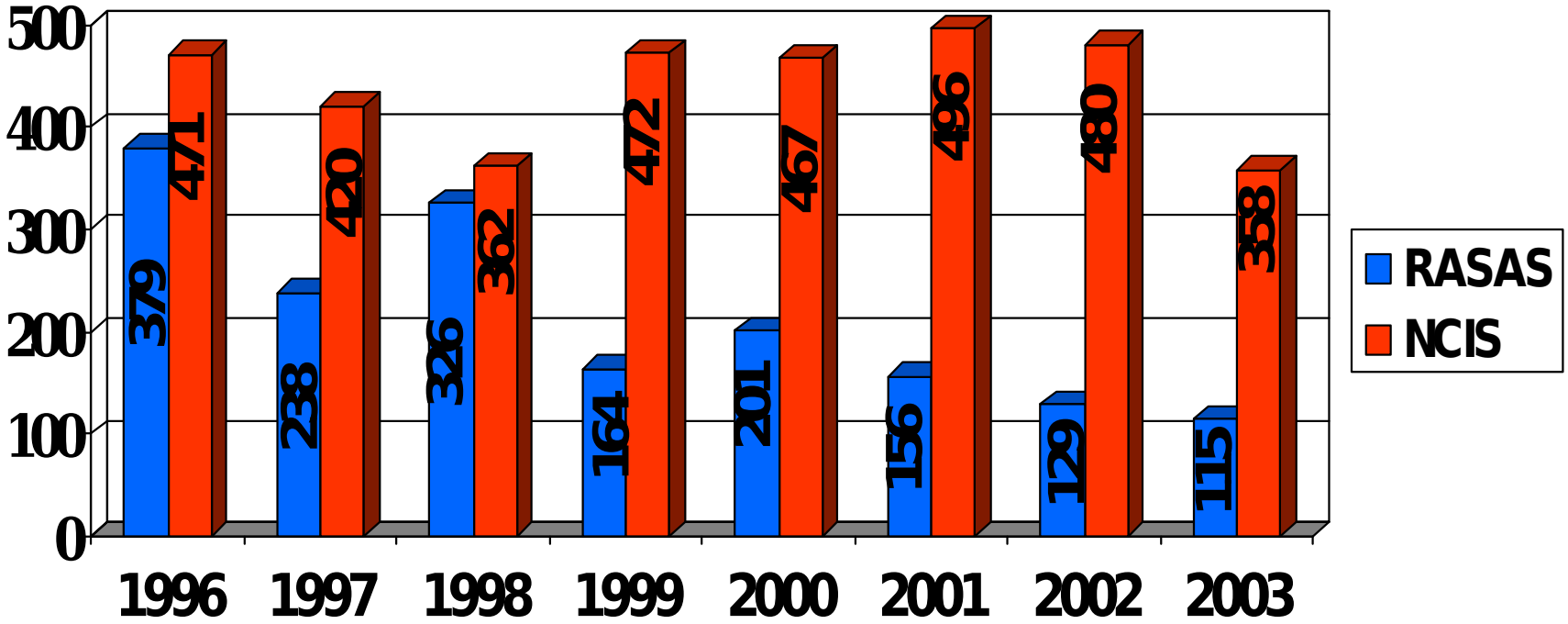
- **Facilitate program execution and oversight**

- **Coordinate, plan, develop, implement and direct all administrative aspects of the SAVI Program**

- **Provide local management of each program component**

SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM

- **FBI estimates that sexual assault is one of most under-reported crimes - perhaps 10% actually**



2000-2001

- **Assault types: Indecent Asslt - 48%/Rape - 43%**
- **Victims**
  - **71% - 18-22 yr old**
  - **16% - 23-28 yr old**
  - **91%-female / 9%- male**
  - **83% Active duty Navy**
- **Offenders**
  - **39% - 18-22 yr old / 36% - 23-28 yr old / 15% - 29-33 yr old**
- **Alcohol use**
  - **40% victims/49% offenders**
- **Where**
- **33% - on base CONUS / 30% off base CONUS**

1996-2003

- **Victims: Majority are 18-24 yr old**
  - **91%-female / 9%- male**
  - **Over 70% know their offender**
  - **Over 80% Active duty Navy**
- **Offenders: Majority are 19-26 yr old**
- **Alcohol use: 40% victims/49% offenders**
- **Where: Majority on base CONUS and off base CONUS**

THE IMPACT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ON READINESS

- **Diminishes the reputation and prestige of the Navy**
- **Creates leadership and readiness problems for commanders**
  - **Erodes command trust and morale**
- **Trauma for victims can create short-term as well as life-long problems.**
  - **PTSD and Sexual Assault Trauma**
  - **40% victims separated within 11/2 years of incident**

COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY

Installation Commands/CO Must:

- **Designate the installation SAVI Program Coordinator**
- **Establish an installation SAVI Program Coordination Committee**
- **Local SAVI Program Coordination Committee**
  - **Co-chaired by SAVI Program Coordinators**
  - **Provides oversight for local SAVI Programs**
  - **Includes representatives from MTF, Legal, Security, NCIS, Chaplain and FFSC - first responders and key base personnel**
- **Issue a local instruction**

COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY (cont.)

Every Command/CO must:

- **Appoint a <u>SAVI Program POC</u> (Remember: Installation = SAVI Program Coordinator)**
  - **implements/coordinates training including mandatory annual GMT for command**
  - **provide current information regarding base/community victim services for their command members**
- **Appoint a <u>SAVI Data Collection Coordinator (DCC)</u>**
  - **responsible to collect and track incident data and ensure data is included in SITREP**

COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY (cont.)

Every Command/CO must:

- **Appoint a <u>SAVI Command Representative</u>**
  - **Appointed when there has been an incident reported**
  - **Acts as a liaison between the victim/victim support system and the command/exec level**
  - **Mature enough and knowledgeable enough to provide information and respond to concerns of both victim and command**

DATA COLLECTION/REPORTING

- **Every command must report all alleged SA incidents via SITREP within 24 hours of the command's knowledge of the alleged SA**
- **The command DCC collects all available data required by SECNAVINST 1752.4**
- **DCC/command tracks the incident monthly and sends follow-on reports with only new or changed data**
- **A SITREP is Final when there is an official resolution to the case and it is reported with all known outcomes**
  - **Final SITREP ends reporting process but not the services to victim if requested**
- **All providers/responders must report non-identifying data to the victim's command**

COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY

Every Command/CO must:

- ***Ensure a safe emotional and physical environment*** **(OPNAVINST 1752.1A)**
- **Institute and publicize a means to inform chain of command of situations which may place individuals at risk**
- **Ensure command level mandatory annual GMT**
  - **SAVI Program information - local/Navy-wide**
  - **Sexual assault awareness and prevention education**

RESPONSIBILITY (Everyone)

Victim Advocacy

- **Know your own Self-Awareness level re: Sexual Assault**
- **Know your own limitations and biases**
- **Know that:**
  - **Installation Commanders must ensure a victim advocate program is available (military volunteers, community programs, male & female advocates, etc.)**
  - **Installation Commander must ensure Victim Counseling is accessible (FSC, MTF, Community providers, etc.)**
  - **All COs must ensure crew is aware of resources available**

VICTIM ADVOCACY
WHEN YOU HAVE A VICTIM

- **Know that:**
- **Commands must ensure reasonable protection from the alleged offender(s) (Military Protection Order (MPOs) - are they specific and provided in writing to both victim and accused?, etc.)**
- **Commands must refer victims to appropriate Victim Advocate services**

RESPONDERS/PROVIDERS

Victim advocacy - when you have a victim:

- **Guard the victim's right to confidentiality**
  - **Victim is an Adult**
  - **Needs of victim's family/Secondary victims**
- **Listen to the victim /Don't blame victim for their behavior at the time of the incident**
- **Ensure the incident is investigated by the appropriate authority**
  - **notify NCIS/local law enforcement**
  - **consult with your legal officer or JAG**
  - **victim may choose to make no statement**

RELEVANT INSTRUCTIONS

- **SECNAVINST 1752.4 (Sexual Assault Prevention and Response) contains NAVPERS 1752/1 - required demographics for SITREP, appendix A to enclosure (2) - (33 data elements)**
- **OPNAVINST 1752.1A(Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Program) http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/**
  - **includes "Commander's Guidelines for response to Sexual Assault Incidents" (enclosure (8))**
  - **includes model program guides and protocols for all providers/responders**
- **Know the installation Instruction and local SOP**

RELEVANT INSTRUCTIONS

- **42 U.S. Code 10605-10607-Public Law– Victims' Rights and Restitution Act(VRRA)**
- **DOD Instruction 1030.2 - Victim and Witness Assistance Program (VWAP)**
- **SECNAVINST 5800.11A - Victim and Witness Assistance Program (VWAP)**
- **SECNAVINST 1752.4 - Sexual Assault Prevention and Response**
- **OPNAVINST 1752.1A – The SAVI Instruction**

PROGRAM ISSUES

- **Appropriate Response – Sensitivity to Victimization**
- **SAVI is not just a Women's Program – SA impacts everyone**

  - Male victims (10 % avg 1997 to 2003)

  - Secondary victims: victim family/friends/command and leadership

  - Perpetrators – Accountability
- **Command Challenge:**

  - Sailor background

  - Navy expectations vs Pop Culture (MTV, Media,etc.)
- **Coordinated effort - Know and use the resources available to you and your command**

HONOR, COURAGE, COMMITMENT - *MAKE IT SO!*

- **Sexual Assault is an ALL HANDS issue**
- **Sexual Assault is a Readiness and QOL issue -**
  - **FFSC 2000 Leadership Survey & FY2002 NPRST/SAVI Survey**
- **You set the tone for the environment of your command - *"Key to leadership"***
- **Despite your best efforts, a sexual assault may happen "ON YOUR WATCH"**
  - **And if it does - be prepared to respond in the appropriate manner**
- **YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALL YOURSELF!!!!!**
  - **Establish a NETWORK - use/BE ON the Coordinating Committee**

POINTS OF CONTACT

- **All Navy installations required to designate a base SAVI Program Coordinator - generally located at FFSC**
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BACK-UP SLIDES

How to Reduce Risk
Leadership = Give Clear/Realistic Info

- **<u>Anyone</u> (male and female) can become a victim of sexual assault.**
- **Trust your instincts. If you feel something is wrong, it probably is. Avoid dangerous situations.**
- **Be aware that the use of alcohol and/or other drugs may impede your ability to think clearly, communicate effectively, and react appropriately.**
- **Yes means yes – No means no – Comatose from drinking does not mean yes. Give and get clear messages about what you want.**
- **Don't make decisions about intimate behavior while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.**
- **Pay attention to your surroundings and anticipate potentially dangerous situations. Acquaintances can pose as great a risk as strangers.**
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How to Reduce Risk
Leadership = Give Clear/Realistic Info

- **Don't prop outside doors open; and always lock your room door.**
- **Watch out for others' safety and take good care of each other. Travel and socialize in groups. The buddy system works – *Know how to be a "good" buddy*.**
- **Avoid isolated places, day and night. If you must work alone, lock the doors.**
- **Tell a family member, friend, spouse or shipmate where you are at all times.**
- **Take an accredited self-defense class.**
- **If a stranger wants to use your home phone, make the call for them while they wait outside.**
- **Get together with a first-time date at a public place.**